



Quick Facts: Demonstration Projects for 2003



Challenges

- Effective models are needed for Advancing HIV Prevention (AHP) interventions.
- AHP calls for new approaches that are evidence-based; additional data are needed to support the effectiveness of these approaches.

Accomplishments

Overall, 9 health departments and 16 community-based organizations (CBOs) have been awarded \$23 million over 2 years to develop models and demonstrate feasibility of implementing the 4 AHP strategies. The following projects are under way:

Demonstration Projects for State and Local Health Departments

- **HIV Rapid Testing to Improve Outcomes for Partner Counseling, Testing, and Referral Services (PCTRS).** Health departments in Colorado, Chicago, Los Angeles, Louisiana, San Francisco, and Wisconsin have been awarded 2-year contracts totaling \$2.7 million to conduct demonstration projects using HIV rapid testing to improve PCTRS. As of June 2004, all 6 health departments had incorporated rapid HIV testing into their PCTRS activities. By November 2004, they had tested 121 partners of persons recently diagnosed with HIV and found that 11 (9%) of these partners were HIV positive.
- **Routinely Recommended HIV Testing as Part of Regular Medical Care Services.** In 4 health department jurisdictions, 12 facilities in urban areas with high prevalence of HIV have been funded. The facilities, which include emergency departments, outpatient clinics, and a dental clinic, are in Wisconsin, Massachusetts, Los Angeles, and New York

State. All facilities started testing by June 2004. During the project period, each will test between 1,500 and 6,000 persons per year and will facilitate access to care for at least 80% of those whose test results are positive. As of November 2004, 4,792 people had been tested and 48 (1%) were HIV positive.

- **Routine Rapid HIV Testing of Inmates in Short-stay Correctional Facilities.** State health departments in Florida, Louisiana, New York, and Wisconsin have been funded to conduct this 2-year demonstration project in correctional facilities. Approximately 38,750 inmates will be tested for HIV in a total of 12 prisons during this project period. From December 2003 through November 2004, 10,500 inmates were tested and 196 (2%) had positive test results.

Demonstration Projects for Community-based Organizations

- **Prevention Case Management for Persons Living with HIV/AIDS.** In Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Missouri, California, Pennsylvania, New York, and the District of Columbia, 9 CBOs have been funded to provide prevention case management (PCM) to HIV-positive persons with multiple and complex HIV risk-reduction needs. As of November 2004, the 9 CBOs had screened 483 HIV-positive persons. Of the 350 HIV-positive persons who were eligible for PCM because of continuing risk behaviors, 256 had enrolled in PCM and attended an average of 4 to 5 sessions.
- **Rapid HIV Testing in Nonclinical Settings.** Funding has been awarded to 8 CBOs in Los Angeles; San Francisco; Detroit; Washington, DC; Kansas City, Missouri; Boston; and Chicago. As of November 2004, they had tested 5,140 persons and 87— 2% of those tested—were HIV positive.
- **Using Social Network Strategies for Reaching Persons at High Risk for HIV Infection in Communities of Color.** In 7 cities, 9 CBOs have been funded for a 2-year period to demonstrate the feasibility of using social network strategies to reach and provide HIV counseling, testing, and referral services to persons at high risk for HIV infection. The CBOs are in Philadelphia (2); Orlando; San Francisco (2); New York; Boston; Lafayette, Louisiana; and Washington, DC. As of November 2004, the CBOs had enlisted 138 of their HIV-positive clients as recruiters. Each recruiter had persuaded

an average of 8 associates from his or her social, sexual, or drug-using networks (1,048 persons in all) to get tested for HIV. HIV test results for a total of 74 (7%) of these associates were positive. For 55, this was the first time they learned that they were HIV positive; the other 19 acknowledged having already known that they were HIV positive.

Demonstration Projects for Primary Care Providers

Incorporating HIV Prevention into Medical Care Settings (PICS). Of an anticipated 1,200 patients, 1,124 have been recruited at 6 sites since April 2004. The sites are in Chapel Hill; Denver; Atlanta; Nashville; Brooklyn; and Kansas City, Missouri. All sites have offered provider training and have implemented the patient intervention called Positive STEPs. The 6-month follow-up interviews are in progress.